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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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1. Title of the guidance document and the guidance document number by which the document is referenced:

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2. Date of the publication of the guidance document and the effective date of the document if different from the publication:

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3. Summary of the contents of the guidance document:

The guidance document provides additional guidelines for health care institutions that provide behavioral health observation/stabilization services for patients who need to be transferred to another health care institution but the discharge and transfer of the patient cannot occur within 24 hours of the patient's admission.

4. A statement as to whether the guidance document is a new document or a revision:

The guidance document is a new document.

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